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August 21, 2019

The Honorable Kim Schrier
U.S. House of Representatives
1123 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Schrier:

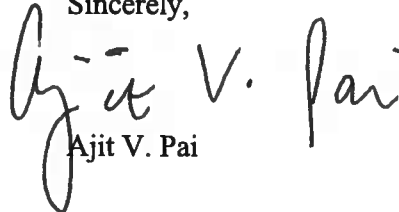
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The Honorable Adam Smith
U.S. House of Representatives
2264 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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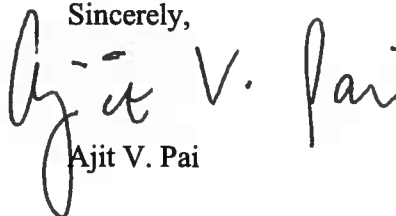
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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
U.S. House of Representatives
1314 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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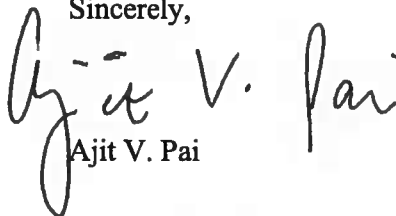
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1318 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Newhouse:

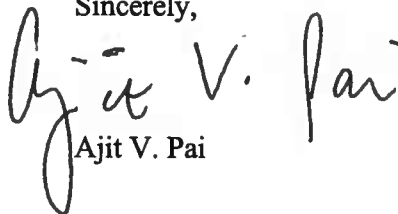
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The Honorable Denny Heck
U.S. House of Representatives
425 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Heck:

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U.S. House of Representatives
1520 Longworth House Office Building
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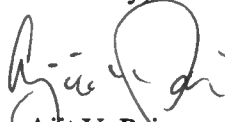
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P.S. Congressman, thanks again for your letter. And on a personal note, please give my best to your wife! As she might have mentioned, she and I went to high school together in rural Kansas (where we were on the debate team, back in the glory days). Hope all's well!



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The Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler
U.S. House of Representatives
1107 Longworth House Office Building
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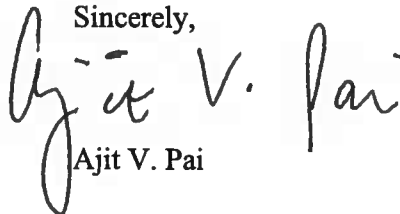
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319 Cannon House Office Building
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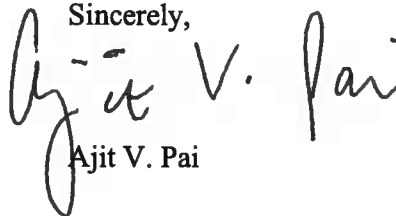
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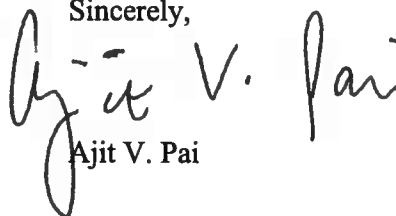
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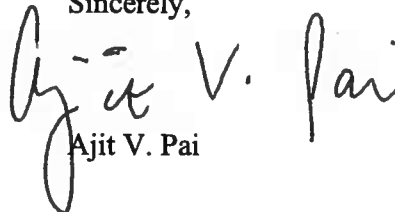
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